**Dina Mondello** is an Award-Winning Classical Pianist and Composer as well as a Writer/Director based out of Long Island, NY. Having begun performative studies at a very young age, by the time she was 8 years old, Ms. Mondello was awarded a plaque labeled by the major - "*New York's Top Pianist*". She held scholarships at Juilliard and Mannes preparatory divisions and performed at *Carnegie Hall* at age 12. At age 19 Ms. Mondello was diagnosed with arthritis, deeming it impossible to continue her 5 hours rigorous practice schedule. Searching for her passions outside of the performing arts, at age 21, she founded *The Agnus Dei Society* - a collaborative of conservatory musicians who performed and taught underprivileged NYC children.

Once back in California, she spent the rest of her 20's teaching and accompanying for prestigious Opera and Dance houses across the West Coast and in underground recording studios as a studio musician. It was also during this time that Ms. Mondello recognized a childhood passion of filmmaking.

She has studies Victoria Mushkatkol, Roger Woodward, Sharon Mann, Dale Stuckenbruck and the late Kenneth Gartner, her childhood mentor.

She has Master Classed with Emanuel Ax and Michael Tilson Thomas.

Taking a wide range of artistic experiences back to NY with her in 2014, Ms. Mondello opened Music Haus - a music studio with original curriculum in 2022. She is also Founder/Artistic Director of *The Rabbit Hole Theatre Group* (once a Blackbox Theatre, now a roaming Theatre Collaborative sharing original and lesser known Immersive Theatre) and its sister company *Storybrook Productions* - A Film Group. She has Music Directed over 35 shows across NY and is Secretary of the North Fork Community Theatre.

She lives on Eastern Long Island with her husband, her daughter, Willow and their 2 cats. Her body of work includes, 2 Operatic Libretti, 6 Immersive Plays, the recently recorded *Redrum Workshop*, 3 Original Scores for Staged Plays, 2 Original Film Scores, 1 Biography Book based on the life of J.S. Bach, a handful of Classical Compositions, 4 Short Films, 2 Feature Screenplays and 1 Limited Series.

In 2024, she is shooting( 2) Feature Films on Long Island as well as releasing (2)World Premiered Works (Play/Musical) as well as a Staged Workshop of "-7" scored for Director, Daryen Ru.